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**TO:** Chair and Members  
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**THROUGH:** David W. Gruber  
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**FROM:** Michael F. Lakat, Chair  
Public Health Licensing & Examination Board

**SUBJECT:** Adopted New Rules, *N.J.A.C. 8:7*  
*Licensure of Persons for Public Health Positions*

**DATE:** August 1, 2006

The Department of Health and Senior Services regulates the examination and licensure of Health Officers (HO) and Registered Environmental Health Specialists (REHS) pursuant to the authority set forth at *N.J.S.A. 26:1A-38 et seq.*

The Department, in consultation with the Public Health Council, the New Jersey Health Officers Association, and the New Jersey Environmental Health Association, are in the process of reviewing *N.J.A.C. 8:7* and anticipates the conduct of rulemaking to update and revise the chapter. The Department has reviewed the existing rules and has determined that, at least until the conclusion of the Department's review and anticipated rulemaking as described above, existing *N.J.A.C. 8:7* remains necessary, adequate, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which it was originally promulgated.

Proposed readoption without amendments was published on November 7, 2005 in the *New Jersey Register* at 37 *N.J.R.* 4148(a). A public hearing concerning the proposal was held on Monday, December 12, 2005. No one appeared at the public hearing to provide testimony. I served as hearing officer and recommended that the agency adopt the proposed readoption

without change from the proposal. The public comment period expired on January 6, 2006. No comments were received.

Thank you for your timely consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 2-4960.